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### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

Politics during the coming year are going to be tremendously important. A great many states and city officials are to be elected in the various states, but the big fight is going to be for national control. Right now is a good time for you to resolve not to vote for the agitator, the demagogue and the revolutionist. The country is on the verge of great prosperity. We have a bumper crop; the Panama canal; war orders aggregating millions of dollars; the South American republics are opening their doors to American manufactured goods and the American dollar is becoming the world's standard of exchange. The situation is unprecedented. It is not the time to try experiments in government. Any radical departure from the tried methods of government is apt to prove disastrous, and the country should stand solidly opposed to radical change. Business should be let alone. Adequate railroad legislation should be passed to enable the railroads to resume expansion. Capital should be allowed the same freedom that labor enjoys. There has been too much politics during the past few years. Let us resolve this year to let patriotism stand before all other considerations. Let the farmer join hands with the business man for mutual benefit, and serve notice on Congress that only legislation that means prosperity and progress will be acceptable to the country.

### CONDITIONS IN MEXICO.

On another page will be found an interesting article by H. W. Loomis on conditions in Mexico which will be a revelation to many and shows to what a deplorable pass things have come in that unfortunate country.

Mr. Loomis might also have said that the driving out of the country in 1857 of the priests and the confiscation of the churches and schools was the beginning of the present conditions. For the past fifty years the population of Mexico has had less than one priest to eleven thousand people and that one was obliged to exist on the sufferance of a debauched and corrupt set of officials who, themselves were antagonistic to religion of all kinds and generally nothing but thieves and materialists. It is the destruction of religion in Mexico that has developed the army of bandits, cut throats and robbers that now infest the country. The following from the Americana Encyclopedia shows when the lawless and non religious element commenced to ruin Mexico:

"The taking effect in 1859 of the 'Laws of Reform' and the consequent suppression of convents and monasteries, and the confiscation of church property."

This completely destroyed the influence of religion in the people and within fifty years a nation of infidels with no idea of religion, for whom acts committed in a fit of strong desire, grew up and the result is what we now have in Mexico—a nation of monsters, materialists, thieves and lawless elements. The good and even those of good intention must ally with the lawless element that rules Mexico and become a scoundrel and must justify the lawless as the natural law, the highest of all laws.

But, the introduction of Mr. Loomis that Catholicism mediates in government is the most absurd. If to outlaw a religion does not require some defense by the religion what does? It was the fact that the Church did not meddle with government that put it in the extremity it was driven in 1857. Mr. Loomis should be specific and show how the Catholicism of Mexico mediated in government. We hear a great many general statements of the Church in politics but never a specific instance. All such stories are lies pure and simple and if it were not for their general nature could be punished. But the liars never specify; they are continually concocting some new lie even in the United States and have never shown a single instance to back up their assertions.

Good people generally oppose no sect or church for they know that any system that makes people better will finally result in the general prosperity. Were it not for crime even in this country we could have more and better roads, better schools and more cash in our bank accounts for the courts cost more each year than all the improvements of the country.

If the administration is "hand and glove" in with England which all indications seem to show to be the case, there is no use in an endeavor of Austria to forestall the breaking off of diplomatic relations and of course a condition that will finally result in dragging this country into a world war. It seems that England can wait and dally along with every proposition and do about as she pleases while the administration has no patience or respect for the central powers now fighting for their existence. It is to be hoped that the day may come when Americans will remember the declaration of independence which shows in its arraignment of that government just what we may expect if we join with the other cats paws in assisting to pull England's chestnuts out of the fire.

Charles W. Dean, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain district of the Christian church, preached at the local church Wednesday night on the following subject: "The Ministry of Jesus". They elected three deacons and expect to ordain them next Sunday morning, who were as follows: John Harvey and J. W. Stevenson.

### DECLINE OF COUNTRY CHURCH.

Many students of religion claim that the decline of the country church began when pulpits were thrown open to politicians—when the local minister attempted to dictate political election.

—when the church became a political forum. There is a sound basis for this claim. Men go to church to be told of God and spiritual matters. They want to pray, to put their house in order, to hesitate in the mad rush for the necessities and luxuries of life to think of the future life. When this is denied them, and, in its place, a minister deliver a political talk, urging them to vote for this candidate or for that cause in the name of religion, the religious man rightfully resents the assumed leadership of the preacher and, as a result, stays at home to commune with his God. It is a fact that two-thirds of the rural churches have ceased to grow and that 85 per cent have a membership of less than 100.

To change the country church to a community house may result in much temporal benefits to the communities in which the house may be located, but what of the church? The anti-religious could find no better way to hasten the complete disruption of the church.

The above, from an address by Prof. Rutherford, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, is interesting in that it carries so much that is true. Some ministers may hold that they are privileged and it is their duty to tell the people of the beauties of prohibition and the necessity to stand by President Wilson, but it is only a matter of time when such ministers will be preaching to empty seats, for there are few men among the general public who at present claim allegiance to any particular sect for the very reason that the political question that is uppermost is generally referred to in sermons. It is this that causes the growth of masonry and odd fellowship for in the lodge there is no mention of politics and the prohibition question is tabooed as well as all other political questions. The lodge as a great moral teaching body is developing at the expense of the churches and will continue to develop as long as the sensible man can find more true religion in the lodge than he can in the church.

New England Fruit Cakes at the Carlsbad Bakery. Order out now.

Measrs. Garrett and Tatum, of Knowles, came in last Saturday and left with a load of supplies.

### DO YOU BELONG?

If you like the old town best,  
Tell 'em so!  
If you'd have her lead the rest,  
Help her grow!  
When there's anything to do  
Let the fellows count on you!  
You'll feel badly when it's through  
Don't you know!

If you want to make a hit  
Get a name!  
If the other fellow's it  
Who's to blame?  
Spend your money in the town,  
Where you pull the shekels down;  
Give the mail concern a frown—  
That's the game x

If you're used to giving knocks,  
Change your style!  
Throw bouquets instead of rocks  
For a while!  
Let the other fellow roast,  
Then him as you would a ghost  
Meet his hammer with a boast  
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar  
Comes along,  
Tell him who and what we are—  
MAKE IT STRONG!  
Needn't flatter, never bluff,  
Tell the truth, for that's enough  
Join the boasters—they're the stuff,  
Let's belong!

## Xmas. Presents

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## CHURCH NEWS

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon (with special music) 11 a. m.  
Senior Epworth League 6:30 p. m.  
Sermon (with special music), 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Stewards' meeting, First Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.  
Woman's Missionary Society, First Thursday, 3:00 p. m.

Services at Methodist church, Sunday, December 19, 1915:  
11 a. m., "Bought With a Price".  
7:30 p. m., "Stumbling Blocks".  
Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Topic: "Christmas Song of World Peace."

The Methodist choir are very busy practicing on the music for Christmas.

The Scout Troop will hold its weekly meeting this evening at the Presbyterian Manse. The special interest announced is a talk on first aid and personal hygiene by Dr. Pate. His previous appointment was cancelled by professional claims, but it is hoped that this time nothing will prevent his part.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services at the Christian church:  
10 a. m., Bible school.  
11 a. m., communion and preaching.  
3 p. m., Junior C. E.  
6:45 p. m., Senior C. E.  
7:30 p. m., preaching.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Services at the Christian church, December 19th:  
10 a. m., Bible school.  
11 a. m., Communion and preaching subject: "The Office of Deacon".  
3 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m., preaching. Subject: "A Warning Against Unbelief".

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Regular Meetings:  
The Presbyterian church sabbath school at 10 a. m.  
Morning worship at 11 a. m.  
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.  
Endeavor meeting at 6:45 p. m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

Public worship will be resumed next Sabbath in the Presbyterian church. In the morning the sermon will have to do with "A Glance of the Field" and in the evening will continue the course of studies on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," dealing especially with "Mary and Joseph".

Last week Mr. Lowry, the minister in charge of the Presbyterian church, took a trip to the plains. He went by way of Monument to Eunice and conducted meetings in the White school house, five miles beyond. He found a Presbyterian church of fifteen members, organized last summer and served at present by Mr. Ralph Hall, of Seminole, Texas. Interest was good from the start, and it grew to the end. The people of the district are mostly new settlers, and their numbers are on the increase, homesteaders coming in rapidly from Texas. Mr. Lowry returned with Dr. Black, who was called over the long distance to treat a patient, and has agreed to tell at morning worship next Sabbath something of his novel experiences and observations.

### THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11 a. m., preaching service.  
6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.  
7:30 p. m., preaching service.  
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer-meeting.  
7:30 p. m., Thursday, choir practice.

### GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).

Lord's Day Services:  
Holy communion 1st. Lord's day at 11 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., on all other Lord's Days.  
Bible school at 10 a. m.  
F. W. PRATT, Vicar.

### ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.

Sunday 10 a. m., High-mass and sermon.  
Low-mass every morning during the week at 7:30 o'clock.

Jess Wiggins and brother, Luther, old timers of this section, came in from Douglas, Arizona, last Monday, enroute to Amarillo in a Kissel car. They go to bring their parents to their home in Douglas where Jess has a wood work business in vehicles of all kinds and is doing well. The boys came here with their parents in 1892 and resided here until four years ago when they went to Arizona. Their friends here will be pleased to hear they are doing well.

T. S. Patterson, of Miles City, Montana, came down from Roswell Tuesday afternoon chaperoned by W. F. Cochran in search of a sheep ranch. He went to look at the Barber-Doepf ranch west of Pecos Wednesday.

**SHERIFF.**  
The Current is authorized to place the name of John N. Hewitt before the electors of Eddy county as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Eddy county subject to the result of the democracy of the county in the primaries.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Under this head, during the coming months before the Democratic primaries, will be carried the announcements of all who wish to present their names to the voters at the primaries or in the general election in November. This will, of course necessitate the use of these columns for from six to ten months and at the regular advertising rates will be worth all that is asked for the service which for the offices will be as follows:  
For all county officers.....\$10.00

For all district officers..... 15.00  
In the event that a write-up is desired by the candidate, more than a brief statement written by the editor, the candidate or a friend may write more extensive notice and it will be charged for at the rate of ten cents per line.

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DOLLS  
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